

**IDAPA 16  
TITLE 01  
CHAPTER 02**

**16.01.02 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) - RULE DEFINITIONS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

The Idaho Board of Health and Welfare is authorized under Section 56-1023, Idaho Code, to adopt rules and standards concerning the administration of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Act, Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code. The Director is authorized under Section 56-1003, Idaho Code, to supervise and administer an emergency medical service program. ( )

**001. TITLE, SCOPE, AND PURPOSE.**

**01. Title.** The title of these rules is IDAPA 16.01.02, "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Rule Definitions." ( )

**02. Scope.** These rules contain the definitions used throughout the Emergency Medical Services chapters of rules adopted by the Department under IDAPA 16., Title 01 to include: ( )

**a. IDAPA 16.01.01.** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Advisory Committee (EMSAC);( )

**b. IDAPA 16.01.03.** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Agency Licensing Requirements; ( )

**c. IDAPA 16.01.07.** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Personnel Licensing Requirements; ( )

**d. IDAPA 16.01.12.** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Complaints, Investigations and Disciplinary Actions; and ( )

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, the Department may have written statements that pertain to the interpretation of this chapter. ( )

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Administrative appeals and contested cases are governed by the provisions of IDAPA 16.05.03, "Rules Governing Contested Case Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings." ( )

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.**

There are no documents incorporated by reference in this chapter of rules. ( )

**005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS -- STREET ADDRESS -- TELEPHONE NUMBER -- INTERNET WEBSITE.**

**01. Office Hours.** Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays designated by the state of Idaho. ( )

**02. Mailing Address.** The mailing address for the business office is Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036. ( )

**03. Street Address.** ( )

**a.** The business office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is located at 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702. ( )

**b.** The Bureau of EMS & Preparedness is located at 650 W. State Street, Suite B-17, Boise, Idaho 83702. ( )

**04. Telephone.** ( )

**a.** The telephone number for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is (208) 334-5500.( )

**b.** The telephone number for the Bureau of EMS & Preparedness is (208) 334-4000. The toll-free phone number is 1-877-554-3367. ( )

**05. Internet Websites.** ( )

**a.** The Department's internet website is found at <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>. ( )

**b.** The Bureau of EMS & Preparedness internet website is found at <http://www.idahoems.org>. ( )

**006. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE AND REQUESTS.**

**01. Confidentiality of Records.** Any disclosure of confidential information used or disclosed in the course of the Department's business is subject to the restrictions in state or federal law, federal regulation, and IDAPA 16.05.01, "Use and Disclosure of Department Records." ( )

**02. Public Records Act.** The Department will comply with Sections 9-337 through 9-350, Idaho Code, when requests for the examination and copying of public records are made. Unless otherwise exempted, all public records in the custody of the Department are subject to disclosure. ( )

**007. -- 009. (RESERVED).**

**010. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS A THROUGH H.**

For the purposes of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chapters of rules the following terms apply: ( )

**01. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT).** An AEMT is a person who: ( )

**a.** Has met the qualifications for licensure in Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and in IDAPA 16.01.07, "Emergency Medical Services - Personnel Licensing Requirements;" ( )

**b.** Is licensed by the Bureau under Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code; ( )

**c.** Carries out the practice of emergency medical care within the scope of practice for AEMT determined by the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physicians Commission (EMSPC), under IDAPA 16.02.02, "Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians Commission;" and ( )

**d.** Practices under the supervision of a physician licensed in Idaho. ( )

**02. Advanced Life Support (ALS).** The provision of medical care, medication administration, and treatment with medical devices which correspond to the knowledge and skill objectives in the Paramedic curriculum currently approved by the State Health Officer and within the scope of practice defined in IDAPA 16.02.02, "Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Commission," by persons licensed as Paramedics by the

Department. ( )

**03. Advanced Practice Professional Nurse.** A person who meets all the applicable requirements and is licensed to practice as an Advanced Practice Professional Nurse under Sections 54-1401 through 54-1418, Idaho Code. ( )

**04. Advertise.** Communication of information to the public, institutions, or to any person concerned, by any oral, written, or graphic means including handbills, newspapers, television, radio, telephone directories, and billboards. ( )

**05. Affiliation.** The formal association that exists between an agency and those licensed personnel who appear on the agency's roster which includes active participation, collaboration, and involvement. Affiliation can be demonstrated by the credentialing of licensed personnel by the agency medical director. ( )

**06. Affiliating EMS Agency.** The licensed EMS agency, or agencies, under which licensed personnel are authorized to provide patient care. ( )

**07. Agency.** Any organization licensed by the EMS bureau that operates an air medical service, ambulance service, or nontransport service. ( )

**08. Air Ambulance.** Any privately or publicly owned fixed wing aircraft or rotary wing aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, the transportation of persons experiencing physiological or psychological illness or injury who may need medical attention during transport. This may include dual or multipurpose vehicles which otherwise comply with Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and specifications established by Board rule. ( )

**09. Air Medical Agency.** An agency licensed by the Department that responds to requests for patient care and transportation from hospitals and EMS agencies using a fixed wing aircraft or rotary wing aircraft. ( )

**10. Air Medical I.** A service type available to a licensed air medical EMS agency that meets the requirements as set forth in IDAPA 16.01.03, "Emergency Medical Service- Agency Licensing Requirements." ( )

**11. Air Medical II.** A service type available to a licensed air medical EMS agency that meets the requirements as set forth in IDAPA 16.01.03, "Emergency Medical Service- Agency Licensing Requirements." ( )

**12. Air Medical Response.** The deployment of an aircraft licensed as an air ambulance to an emergency scene intended for the purpose of patient treatment and transportation. ( )

**13. Ambulance.** Any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle, or nautical vessel, used for, or intended to be used for, the transportation of sick or injured persons who may need medical attention during transport. This may include dual or multipurpose vehicles which otherwise comply with Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and specifications established by Board rules. ( )

**14. Ambulance-Based Clinicians.** Licensed Professional Nurses and Advanced Practice Professional Nurses who are currently certified by the Department and licensed in accordance with Sections 54-1401 through 54-1418, Idaho Code, and Physician Assistants who are currently certified by the Department and licensed in accordance with Sections 54-1801 through 54-1841, Idaho Code. ( )

**15. Ambulance Agency.** An agency licensed by the Department operated with the intent to provide personnel and equipment for medical treatment at an emergency scene, during transportation or during transfer of persons experiencing physiological or psychological illness or injury who may need medical attention during transport. ( )

- 16. Applicant.** Any organization that is requesting an agency license under Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and includes the following: ( )
- a.** An organization seeking a new license; ( )
  - b.** An existing agency that intends to: ( )
    - i.** Change the level of licensed personnel it utilizes; ( )
    - ii.** Change its geographic coverage area (except by agency annexation) or; ( )
    - iii.** Begin or discontinue providing patient transport services. ( )
- 17. Assessment.** The evaluation of a patient by EMS licensed personnel intending to provide treatment or transportation to that patient. ( )
- 18. Basic Life Support (BLS).** The provision of medical care, medication administration, and treatment with medical devices which correspond to the knowledge and skill objectives in the EMR or EMT curriculum currently approved by the State Health Officer and within the scope of practice defined in IDAPA 16.02.02, "Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Commission," by persons licensed as EMRs or EMTs in accordance with these rules. ( )
- 19. Board.** The Idaho Board of Health and Welfare. ( )
- 20. Bureau.** The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Preparedness of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. ( )
- 21. Call Volume.** The number of requests for service that an agency either expects to (anticipated) or has responded to (actual) during a designated period of time. ( )
- 22. Candidate.** Any individual who is requesting an EMS personnel license under Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code. ( )
- 23. Certificate of Eligibility.** Documentation that an individual is eligible for affiliation with an EMS agency, having satisfied all requirements for an EMS Personnel Licensure except for affiliation, but is not licensed to practice. ( )
- 24. Certification.** A credential issued to an individual by the Department for a specified period of time indicating that minimum standards have been met. ( )
- 25. Certified EMS Instructor.** An individual approved by the Department, who has met the requirements in IDAPA 16.02.03, "Emergency Medical Services," to provide EMS education and training. ( )
- 26. Compensated Volunteer.** An individual who performs a service without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation other than payment of expenses, reasonable benefits or a nominal fee to perform such services. This individual cannot be a part-time or full-time employee of the same organization performing the same services as a volunteer and employee. ( )
- 27. Credentialing.** The local process by which licensed EMS personnel are authorized to provide medical care in the out-of-hospital, hospital, and medical clinic setting, including the determination of a local scope of practice. ( )
- 28. Credentialed EMS Personnel.** Individuals who are authorized to provide medical care by the EMS medical director, hospital supervising physician, or medical clinic supervising physician. ( )

**29. Critical Care.** The treatment of a patient with continuous care, monitoring, medication or procedures requiring knowledge or skills not contained within the Paramedic curriculum approved by the State Health Officer. Interventions provided by Paramedics are governed by the scope of practice defined in IDAPA 16.02.02, “Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians Commission.” ( )

**30. Critical Care Agency.** An ambulance or air medical EMS agency that advertises and provides all of the skills and interventions defined as critical care in IDAPA 16.02.02, “Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Commission.”

**31. Department.** The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. ( )

**32. Director.** The Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare or his designee. ( )

**33. Division.** The Idaho Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Welfare. ( )

**34. Emergency.** A medical condition, the onset of which is sudden, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the person’s health in serious jeopardy, or in causing serious impairments of bodily function or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. ( )

**35. Emergency Medical Responder (EMR).** An EMR is a person who: ( )

**a.** Has met the qualifications for licensure in Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and in IDAPA 16.01.07, “Emergency Medical Services - Personnel Licensing Requirements;” ( )

**b.** Is licensed by the Department under Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code; ( )

**c.** Carries out the practice of emergency medical care within the scope of practice for EMR determined by the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physicians Commission (EMSPC), under IDAPA 16.02.02, “Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians Commission;” and ( )

**d.** Practices under the supervision of a physician licensed in Idaho. ( )

**36. Emergency Medical Services (EMS).** The system utilized in responding to a perceived individual need for immediate care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury. ( )

**37. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).** The statewide advisory board of the Department whose members are appointed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to provide counsel to the Department on administering the EMS Act. ( )

**38. EMS Medical Director.** A physician who supervises the medical activities of licensed personnel affiliated with an EMS agency. ( )

**39. EMS Physicians Commission (EMSPC).** The Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physician Commission as created under Section 56-1013A, Idaho Code, hereafter referred to as “the Commission.” ( )

**40. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).** An EMT is a person who: ( )

**a.** Has met the qualifications for licensure in Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and in IDAPA 16.01.07, “Emergency Medical Services - Personnel Licensing Requirements.” ( )

**b.** Is licensed by the Department under Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code; ( )

c. Carries out the practice of emergency medical care within the scope of practice for EMT determined by the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physicians Commission (EMSPC), under IDAPA 16.02.02, "Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians Commission;" and ( )

d. Practices under the supervision of a physician licensed in Idaho. ( )

**41. Emergency Scene.** Any setting outside of a hospital, with the exception of the inter-facility transfer, in which the provision of EMS may take place. ( )

**42. Full-Time Paid Personnel.** Personnel who perform a service with the promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for performing such services. Full-time personnel differ from part-time personnel in that full-time personnel work a more regular schedule and typically work more than thirty-five (35) hours per week. ( )

**43. Glasgow Coma Score (GCS).** A scale used to determine a patient's level of consciousness. It is a rating from three (3) to fifteen (15) of the patient's ability to open his eyes, respond verbally, and move normally. The GCS is used primarily during the examination of patients with trauma or stroke. ( )

**44. Ground Transport Time.** The total elapsed time calculated from departure of the ambulance from the scene to arrival of the ambulance at the patient destination. ( )

**45. Hospital.** A facility in Idaho licensed under Sections 39-1301 through 39-1314, Idaho Code, and defined in Section 39-1301(a)(1), Idaho Code. ( )

#### **011. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS I THROUGH P.**

For the purposes of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chapters of rules the following terms apply: ( )

**01. Intermediate Life Support (ILS).** The provision of medical care, medication administration, and treatment with medical devices which correspond to the knowledge and skill objectives in the AEMT curriculum currently approved by the State Health Officer and within the scope of practice defined in IDAPA 16.02.02, "Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Commission," by persons licensed as AEMTs in accordance with these rules. ( )

**02. Investigation.** Research of the facts concerning a complaint or issue of non-compliance which may include performing or obtaining interviews, inspections, document review, detailed subject history, phone calls, witness statements, other evidence and collaboration with other jurisdictions of authority. ( )

**03. License.** A license issued by the Bureau to an individual for a specified period of time indicating that minimum standards corresponding to one (1) of several levels of EMS proficiency have been met. ( )

**04. Licensed Personnel.** Those individuals who are licensed by the state as Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT), and Paramedics. ( )

**05. Licensed Professional Nurse.** A person who meets all the applicable requirements and is licensed to practice as a Licensed Professional Nurses under Sections 54-1401 through 54-1418, Idaho Code. ( )

**06. Local Incident Management System.** The local system of interagency communications, command, and control established to manage emergencies or demonstrate compliance with the National Incident Management System. ( )

**07. Medical Supervision Plan.** The written document describing the provisions for medical supervision of licensed EMS personnel. ( )

**08. National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).** An independent, non-governmental, not for profit organization which prepares validated examinations for the state's use in evaluating candidates for licensure. ( )

**09. Nontransport Agency.** An agency licensed by the Bureau, operated with the intent to provide personnel or equipment for medical stabilization at an emergency scene, but not intended to be the service that will actually transport sick or injured persons. ( )

**10. Nontransport Vehicle.** Any vehicle operated by an agency with the intent to provide personnel or equipment for medical stabilization at an emergency scene, but not intended as the vehicle that will actually transport sick or injured persons. ( )

**11. Nurse Practitioner.** An Advanced Practice Professional Nurse, licensed in the category of Nurse Practitioner, as defined in IDAPA 23.01.01, "Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing." ( )

**12. Out-of-Hospital.** Any setting outside of a hospital, including inter-facility transfers, in which the provision of EMS may take place. ( )

**13. Paramedic.** A paramedic is a person who: ( )

**a.** Has met the qualifications for licensure in Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and in IDAPA 16.01.07, "Emergency Medical Services - Personnel Licensing Requirements." ( )

**b.** Is licensed by the Bureau under Sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code; ( )

**c.** Carries out the practice of emergency medical care within the scope of practice for paramedic determined by the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physicians Commission (EMSPC), under IDAPA 16.02.02, "Rules of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians Commission;" and ( )

**d.** Practices under the supervision of a physician licensed in Idaho. ( )

**14. Part-Time Paid Personnel.** Personnel who perform a service with the promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for performing such services. Part-time personnel differ from the full-time personnel in that the part-time personnel typically work an irregular schedule and work fewer than thirty-five (35) hours per week. ( )

**15. Patient.** A sick, injured, incapacitated, or helpless person who is under medical care or treatment. ( )

**16. Patient Assessment.** The evaluation of a patient by EMS licensed personnel intending to provide treatment or transportation to that patient. ( )

**17. Patient Care.** The performance of acts or procedures under emergency conditions in responding to a perceived individual need for immediate care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury. ( )

**18. Patient Movement.** The relatively short distance transportation of a patient from an off-highway emergency scene to a rendezvous with an ambulance or air ambulance. ( )

**19. Patient Transport.** The transportation of a patient by ambulance or air ambulance from a rendezvous or emergency scene to a medical care facility. ( )

**20. Physician.** In accordance with Section 54-1803, Idaho Code, a person who holds a current active license issued by the State Board of Medicine to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine in Idaho and is in good standing with no restrictions upon, or actions taken against, his license.

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**21. Physician Assistant.** A person who meets all the applicable requirements and is licensed to practice as a licensed physician assistant under Title 54, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, and IDAPA 22.01.03, “Rules for the Licensure of Physician Assistants.” ( )

**22. Planned Deployment.** The deliberate, planned placement of EMS personnel outside of an affiliating agency’s deployment model declared on the application under which the agency is currently licensed. ( )

**23. Prehospital.** Any setting outside of a hospital, with the exception of transfers, in which the provision of EMS may take place. ( )

**012. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS Q THROUGH Z.**

For the purposes of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chapters of rules the following terms apply: ( )

**01. Response Time.** The total time elapsed from when the agency receives a call for service to when the agency arrives and is available at the scene. ( )

**02. Skills Proficiency.** The process overseen by an EMS agency medical director to verify competency in psychomotor skills. ( )

**03. State Health Officer.** The Administrator of the Division of Public Health. ( )

**04. Supervision.** The medical direction by a licensed physician of activities provided by licensed personnel affiliated with a licensed ambulance, air medical, or nontransport service, including: ( )

a. Establishing standing orders and protocols; ( )

b. Reviewing performance of licensed personnel; ( )

c. Providing instructions for patient care via radio or telephone; and ( )

d. Other oversight. ( )

**05. Third Service.** A public EMS agency that is neither law-enforcement nor fire-department based. ( )

**06. Transfer.** The transportation of a patient from one (1) medical care facility to another. ( )

**07. Uncompensated Volunteer.** An individual who performs a service without promise, expectation, or receipt of any compensation for the services rendered. An uncompensated volunteer cannot be a part-time or full-time employee of the same organization performing the same services as a volunteer and employee. ( )

**012. -- 999. (RESERVED)**